

## REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended and claims 3 and 5 have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 9-12 have been added, leaving claims 1-12 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and remarks submitted herewith. As will be discussed in detail below, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to Figure 8. Applicant has amended Figure 8 to include the legend "Prior Art." Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to Figure 8 be withdrawn.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject in claims 3 and 5-8. Applicant has rewritten claims 3 and 5 in independent form so that claims 3 and 5-8 are now allowable claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 3 and 5-8 be withdrawn.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 has been amended to refer to a first gate line and a second gate line. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Komiya et al. (US 6,501,448) ("Komiya"). Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hunter (US 6,441,560). Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada (US 6,366,025). "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Moreover, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the \* \* \* claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Claim 1, as amended, includes the following limitation: "wherein a discharge transistor is provided for discharging charges accumulated in a capacitor of an organic EL element, and a driving transistor is provided between the organic EL element and a power source for controlling driving current to the organic EL element, and one end of the discharge transistor is connected between the driving transistor and the organic EL element." Each of the cited references discloses a switching transistor for controlling a drive transistor that drives an EL element. That switching transistor is different from the discharge transistor as recited in claim 1. The

amendment clearly differentiates the discharge transistor as recited in the claims from the switching transistors as taught in the references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claim 1 be withdrawn.

In addition, claim 2, 4, and 9 include all of the limitations of claim 1. Thus, for the reasons stated above, claims 2, 4, and 9 are also allowable claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection as to claims 2 and 4 be withdrawn and that the Examiner allow claims 2, 4, and 9.

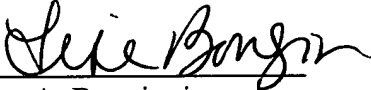
Applicant has also added claims 10-12. Those claims include the following limitation: "a discharge transistor provided independently of the driving transistor and the selecting transistor for discharging charges accumulated in a parasitic capacitor of the EL element." None of the references teach or suggest that limitation. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 10-12.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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